

## NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

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**TO:** Office of Planning and Research  
1400 - 10th Street, Room 222  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**FROM:** California Dept. of Forestry  
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**SUBJECT:** Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 of the Public Resources Code.

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**Project Title:** Draft Management Plan for CDF's Historic Buildings and Archaeological Sites Project

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99021015

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### **Project Approval:**

The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDF) approved the Draft Management Plan for CDF's Historic Buildings and Archaeological Sites Project on October 12, 2001.

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**Project Location:** Statewide

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### **Project Description:**

The Project consists of approval of the Management Plan for the CDF's Historic Buildings and Archaeological Sites (Plan), which proposes to protect and manage the Department's significant heritage resources, which include both historic buildings and known prehistoric and historic archaeological sites located on lands owned or managed by CDF. The Plan identifies 86 historically significant CDF buildings, and proposes a list of 29 of these buildings for preservation. The criteria for selection of buildings to be preserved were formulated by CDF during the course of Plan development, and are consistent with the Department's long-term goals for historical resource protection. 78 of the 86 CDF historic buildings have been determined to be eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) and the California Register of Historical Resources (CRHR). The remaining eight (8) CDF historic buildings were inventoried, but formal eligibility for listing in the NRHP and the CRHR has yet to be determined.

The Plan also includes management and preservation strategies for 166 known archaeological sites located on lands owned or managed by CDF. The Plan contains descriptions of the sites and details on management measures. Overall, the Plan would require CDF to continue its current archaeological site procedures. Archaeological sites are fully recorded, and most are protected by complete avoidance. However, there are a few known sites, which are located in roadbeds, and are continuously impacted through usage. However, these impacts are mitigated to the extent feasible during project-level analysis. There are also some instances where complete avoidance is not feasible, such as fire station construction, and in those cases, excavation is done where feasible. These actions have been, and will continue to be covered by a project-level California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) analysis for each individual capital improvement activity.

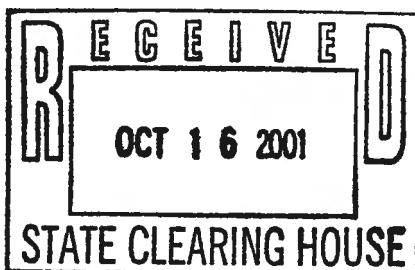
The Plan provides information, direction, management options and review procedures for CDF's heritage resources to ensure that they will be given full consideration in all of the CDF's land use and capital outlay decisions. The Plan specifies that, in consultation with the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), CDF will review the Plan in the year 2010, and every ten years thereafter. This process will enable CDF to update the Plan, and make changes that may become necessary over time.

The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, as the lead agency, has approved the above described project and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project:

1. The project will have significant effects on the environment.
2. In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), an Environmental Impact Report for the project was prepared under contract with the Department of General Services on behalf of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. The Environmental Impact Report has been certified and approved by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, which is the lead agency for the project. The Environmental Impact Report and record of project approval may be examined at the Department of General Services, Real Estate Services Division, 1102 Q Street, Suite 5100, Sacramento, California. The Environmental Impact Report reflects the independent judgment and analysis of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.
3. Mitigation measures have been required to be made a condition of the approval of the project. Mitigation measures have been required to address six significant or potentially significant effects related to heritage resources. The mitigation measures described in the Draft Environmental Impact Report, Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, and the Environmental Impact Report avoid or reduce two of the six significant or potentially significant effects of the project to heritage resources to a level of less than significant.
3. Findings were made pursuant to Section 15091 of the CEQA Guidelines. Mitigation measures have been adopted to avoid or reduce two of the six significant or potentially significant effects to a level of less than significant. A Statement of Overriding Considerations was required to be adopted for this project.
4. Pursuant to Section 15093 of the CEQA Guidelines, a Statement of Overriding Considerations for this project was adopted by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, which found that the benefits of this project outweigh and override the four significant unavoidable effects.
5. In compliance with Section 711.4 of the California Fish and Game Code, a Certificate of Fee Exemption, which finds that the project will not individually or cumulatively have an adverse effect on wildlife resources, is attached to this Notice of Determination.

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Date Received for Filing:



  
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